Dear Fifth Grade Parent/s,

 In Technology class your student is currently working on increasing their speed and accuracy scores when typing. The only way to do this is to practice. As homework they should go on the ***typing.com*** website and log into their account. They have a notecard with their login information, but just in case, they use last name.first name (all lowercase, no spaces) and the password 12345.

They are to work on completing all the Beginners Lessons. A little practice, most days, will go a long way. Their *homework* for Technology is to log into typing.com at least twice a week for a minimum of 20min. I will be checking that they have done this since is homework. Of course they can certainly practice more than the minimum.

In quarter one I actually reduced the number of practice sessions needed to get 100% because so many students didn’t do their homework. This homework grade was included in their participation grade. They got a grade for Sept. and one in Oct. In this quarter they should login and practice for a minimum of 20 min. twice a week. In November they will need to practice 9 times. Make sure your student practices the entire 20 min. because I am seeing many students only working about 5-7 min. or even less. They need to stay in lessons for their time to count. I can see each login but remind them that I can see how long they type, what lesson they were working on, and their accuracy and speed. Then at the end of 2nd quarter I will count how many times they have practiced and give another grade. I will let them know how many times they need to login during December but It will always be based on the twice a week. If your student is struggling with accuracy and speed they should try to practice more often. Remember they should always practice with a dish/hand towel over their hands so they can’t see the keys.

 I enjoy all of my students and look forward to continuing their preparation for our Technological World.

Sincerely,

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